


NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
NET EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

28 June 1955

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: NSC 5511

1. In accordance with paragraph 5(a) subject document, your concurrence or comment is requested with respect to the interpretation of paragraph 3 c, indicated by the enclosed Memorandum for Record.

2. It would be appreciated if you would forward your concurrence or comments directly to the Director, Net Evaluation Subcommittee Staff.

Arthur W Radford

ARTHUR W. RADFORD
Chairman
Net Evaluation Subcommittee

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Plan "C", NSC 5511

A conference with representatives of the members of the Net Evaluation Subcommittee resulted in the following tentative interpretations with reference to paragraph 3 c. of the NSC 5511 (Plan "C").

1. How much time will the U. S. have in order to place civil and military on full alert?

Ans. Whatever time is required to implement the actions shown below.

2. What is meant by "sufficient strategic warning *** to initiate U. S. retaliatory action"? Does this mean that U. S. offensive nuclear forces will initiate a strike against enemy targets before enemy aircraft have penetrated the U. S. DEW line, including its seaward extensions to Hawaii and the Azores, or ACEN net, or have penetrated warning nets of overseas bases?

Ans. No. Our offensive nuclear forces will be on full alert in position to take off on short notice, or may even be airborne, but will not be enroute on a strike.

3. What will be the status of the U. S. when it is on full alert? Will the following be in effect?

a. Immediate recall of all military personnel to points of duty.

Ans. Yes.

b. Optimum attainable in commission status of combat aircraft.

Ans. Yes.

c. Readiness of all radar stations and seaward extension facilities programmed to be operational by 1 July 1958.

Ans. Yes.

d. Optimum pre-positioning, prior to actual attack, of SAC forces both delivery aircraft and tanker support aircraft.

Ans. Yes.

e. Pre-positioning of TAC forces located in the 2/I.

Ans. Only to meet essential D-day NATO commitments and to reinforce COMAD, the Northeast Command, and Alaska.

f. Immediate release of all weapons required for retaliatory action, for use when retaliatory action is directed.

Ans. Yes.

g. Recall to active duty reserve personnel and reserve units as required.

Ans. Yes.

h. Federalize national guard units.

Ans. Yes. In this connection, all national guard air defense units, such as fighter squadrons, Nike and anti-aircraft battalions will actually be in place under the command of COMAD. Other national guard units will be federalized as required.

i. Place coast guard under the Navy.

Ans. Yes, as provided by the emergency war powers of the President.

j. Begin placing naval units of reserve fleets in commission.

Ans. No.

k. Alerting of protection forces for key facilities and plants holding classified government contracts, as well as local State and Federal law enforcement agencies regarding danger of sabotage, with particular attention to shipping known or suspected to be under Soviet or satellite control.

Ans. Yes.

l. Intensify patrolling along our land frontiers.

Ans. Yes.

m. Portions of civilian population evacuated in accordance with current civil defense plans.

Ans. Yes, for selected groups. Remaining civilians warned and prepared to execute current civil defense plans on order.

n. Minimize activation of all alternate command posts.

Ans. Yes.

o. Naval forces at sea in dispersed formation, crews briefed, strike plans ready.

Ans. Yes.

p. Neutralization of individuals dangerous to the National Security, including detention of Communists and other subversives. (It is assumed that an act will have been enacted by Congress and signed by the President to allow this).

Ans. Yes.

q. Diplomatic relations broken off.

Ans. No.

r. Increase submarine and air radar picket activity.

Ans. Yes.

s. Concerted effort toward over-flight reconnaissance.

Ans. Yes.

t. NATO forces deployed for defense.

Ans. Yes.

u. Implementation of the plan for security control of air traffic; civil airlines and selected airfields under federal control.

Ans. Yes.

v. The President granted emergency war powers.

Ans. Yes.

w. Any other measure may be taken to improve preparedness which will not provoke war and which will not jeopardize our ability to adjust to a solution short of war.

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Deputy Director

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REMARKS: I have prepared an answer to the attached memo from the Chairman of NESC after study of the attached Memorandum For Record.

Attention is invited to Adm. Radford's request that this reply be sent direct to the Director NESC (Gen. George).